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In re Application of:

Jorg-Thorsten MOHR et al.

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Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OF DROSPIRENONE (6 β , 7 β , 15 β , 16 β -DIMETHYLENE-3-OXO-17 α -PREGN-4-EN-21, 17-CARBOLACTONE, DRSP) AS WELL AS 7 α -(3-HYDROXY-1-PROPYL)-6 β , 7 β ; 15 β , 16 β -DIMETHYLENE-5 β -ANDROSTANE-3 β , 5, 17 β -TRIOL (ZK 92836) AND 6 β , 7 β ; 15 β , 16 β -DIMETHYLENE-5 β -HYDROXY-3-OXO-17 α -ANDROSTANE-21, 17-CARBOLACTONE (90965) AS INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS OF THE PROCESS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4 and 9 as follows.

C1 1. (Amended) 6 β , 7 β ; 15 β , 16 β -dimethylene-3-oxo-17 α -pregn-4-ene-21, 17-carbolactone,
at a mean purity of greater than 98.9%.

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